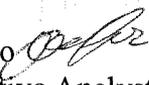


**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: February 14, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst

Council File No.: 17-0002-S130
Assignment No.: 18-02-0124

SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz – Wesson) in support of AB 807 (Chu – Fletcher)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz – Wesson) to include in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 807 (Chu – Fletcher), which would repeal the California Daylight Saving Time Act and enable the State to observe year-round daylight saving time with federal approval.

SUMMARY

AB 807 (Chu – Fletcher) would repeal the California Daylight Saving Time (DST) Act and require that the State's standard time to be that of the federally designated United States Standard Pacific Time, which observes DST from the second Sunday of March until the first Sunday of November. AB 807 would also authorize the State Legislature to change the dates and times of the DST period by a two-thirds vote in order to maintain consistency with federal law or to approve year-round DST if authorized by federal law. AB 807 would only become effective upon approval of voters in a statewide election.

The Resolution (Koretz – Wesson), introduced on November 28, 2017, states that various studies have found that extended sunlight hours under year-round DST would increase productivity statewide and enhance public safety by reducing traffic accidents and lowering crime. The Resolution seeks an official position of the City to support AB 807.

BACKGROUND

The California DST Act, passed by voters in November 1949, states that the State's standard time is Standard Pacific Time as designated by the federal government. The California DST Act also requires that the standard time in the State be one hour in advance of Standard Pacific Time from the last Sunday of April until the last Sunday of October in observance of DST.

Existing federal law establishes the standard time of the United States for each zone and advances the standard time for each zone by one hour from the second Sunday of March until the first Sunday of November in observance of DST. Despite the inconsistency between federal and State law on the scheduled observance of DST, the State observes DST as defined by federal law. AB 807 would eliminate the discrepancy between State and federal law and enable the State legislature to maintain consistency with federal law regarding DST without requiring a statewide election if approved by voters. Currently, existing federal law allows for states to observe

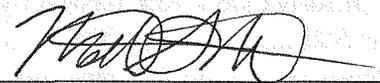
standard time year-round (Arizona and Hawaii), but does not give states the option to observe DST year-round.

Multiple studies have found that the effects of changing clocks for DST have led to higher rates of heart attacks and strokes, higher rates of traffic accidents, increases in workplace injuries, and decreases in worker productivity. A 2004 Rutgers University study, "The Effects of Daylight and Daylight Saving Time on United States Pedestrian Fatalities and Motor Vehicle Occupant Fatalities", found that year-round DST would reduce pedestrian fatalities by 13 percent and motor vehicle occupant fatalities by 3 percent during the morning and evening rush hours.

It is unlikely that year-round observance of DST would lead to energy savings. A 2007 study by the California Energy Commission found "little or no effect on energy consumption" after DST was extended by the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005.

BILL STATUS

3/02/17	Referred to Coms. on G.O. and U. & E.
3/30/17	Passed Com. on G.O. (17-2). Re-referred to Com. on U. & E.
4/03/17	Amended
4/04/17	Re-referred to Com. on U. & E.
4/20/17	Passed Com. on U. & E. (11-2). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
5/03/17	Referred to APPR. suspense file
5/26/17	Revised.
5/26/17	Passed Com. on APPR. (13-3)
6/01/17	Passed Assembly (62-9). Ordered to Senate.
6/14/17	Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
7/03/17	Amended and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
7/17/17	Passed Com. on E., U. & C. (8-1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
7/18/17	Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
8/21/17	Referred to APPR. suspense file.
9/01/17	Passed Com. on APPR. (5-2)
9/14/17	Ordered to inactive file.



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Analyst

Attachments: 1. Resolution (Koretz – Wesson)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing federal law establishes the standard time of the United States for each time zone without the option of observing daylight saving time (DST) year-round; and

WHEREAS, various studies have found that extended sunlight hours would enhance public safety by reducing traffic accidents during evening commutes and lower crime due to extended daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, extended sunlight hours would increase productivity statewide; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the State Legislature is a bill, AB 807 (Chu-Fletcher), which would repeal the California DST Act and require the State's standard time to be that of the federally designated United States Standard Pacific Time; and

WHEREAS, if the Federal government authorizes year-round DST, AB 807 would authorize the State Legislature to approve year-round DST in the State by a two-thirds vote; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of AB 807 would only become effective upon approval of voters at the next statewide election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support for AB 807, which would repeal the California Daylight Saving Time Act and enable the State to observe year-round daylight saving time with federal approval.

PRESENTED BY _____
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY _____

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